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SUBJECT: RAF GREENHAM COMMON

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- 1. POL-MIL ATTACHE HAS BEEN PRODDED AGAIN BY HOLTON, HEAD, DS-8, ASKING FOR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WE RELAYED IN REFTELS. REMINDING US THAT THE BERKSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING (REFTEL A) ORIGINALLY ASKED FOR ANSWERS BY 3 MARCH, MOD OFFICIALS APPRECIATE DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY NEED FOR QUICK ANSWERS TO MANY QUESTIONS BUT STRESS TIME-FRAME IS BASICALLY CONTROLLED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND BY THE PRESS OF LOCAL PUBLIC OPINION.
- 2. IN A MARCH 2 WRITTEN ANSWER TO A QUESTION BY MCNAIR-WILSON CONCERNING "WHAT WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT CONFIDENTIAL

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ON THE RUNWAYS AND OTHER FACILITIES AT RAF GREENHAM COMMON," WELLBELOVED'S (PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY FOR RAF) REPLY WAS:

"AS I EXPLAINED TO THE HON. MEMBER IN MY LETTER OF 10TH OCTOBER 1977, THE RUNWAY AND TAXIWAYS AT RAF GREENHAM COMMON ARE CURRENTLY BEING RESURFACED. THE WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT AT A COST OF ABOUT 6700,000. THE

WORK IS DUE FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF APRIL 1978. THE RESURFACING OF THE RUNWAY IS PART OF THE NORMAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME TO ENSURE THAT THE AIRFIELD IS IN THE BEST CONDITION TO MEET ITS EXISTING STANDBY COMMITMENT. NO OTHER WORK OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE IS BEING CARRIED OUT AT PRESENT."

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REPLY TO QUESTIONS IN REFTELS. RREWSTER

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